# The Pulse June-July



# of Rocky River Presbyterian Church

# All Summer: two worship opportunities weekly



8:30 a.m. in Walker Chapel

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



# "Hands-on opportunity"

# Your "mission trip" right here in the CLE

Every June North Presbyterian Church on Cleveland's near east side depends on RRPC to present their weekly community meal.



## Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.



- Prepare, serve, eat, and clean up.
- All ages welcome—children, youth must be with an adult
- Sign up for June 3, 10, 17 or 24.

# Thursdays, 3-7 p.m.

- Prepare, serve, eat, and clean up.
- All ages welcome—children, youth must be with an adult
- Sign up for June 21 or 28



# **Duties include:**

Assisting their cook... cutting vegetables... stirring pots... pouring drinks... serving the meal... greeting and talking with the men, women and children seeking a good meal

Sign up at church or call our church office.

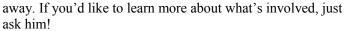
—Mission Committee

# **Special offering for North Church**

Our Session has approved a "Special Offering for North Church" to be collected throughout the month of June. Please consider a generous special gift to RRPC which will go entirely to North Church.

# The chance to offer a sermon may be in your future!

You've seen others do it—why not you? In the coming months there will be opportunities to "move from the pews to the pulpit" and be our "Guest Preacher" for a Sunday when Jon is



—Worship Committee

# Why so many cars?



You'll see lots of cars in our parking lot on June weekends. We have become an "inkind sponsor" for the St. Jude Research

Hospital's popular Dream Home program. Northeast Ohio's 2018 Dream Home is being constructed right across the street from the church. We've granted the request to allow Dream Home visitors to use our parking lot during their weekly Open Houses. Open Houses for the public will be offered Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays 12 noon-5 p.m. on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in June. Their Regional Representative tells us that we can expect thousands of people to use our parking lot.

# "Bonus" concert Sunday June 3rd Community Chorus/Band to perform

For the first time, our church will host the spring concert presentations of both the Rocky River Community Chorus and the Rocky River Community Band. The combined concert will be Sunday, June 3 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Bring your friends and enjoy an evening of music as you support these great community organizations. You may even recognize some familiar RRPC faces in the chorus which, this year, will be featuring music from Broadway shows. Admission is free, with refreshments to follow the concert.

# Hear details, ask questions

# "Info-Chats" about upcoming Holy Land tour offered this month

This month our pastor will offer informal "info-chats" about next February's Holy Land Tour—no RSVP required, and there's no obligation just for attending. Choose between:

- Thur., June 7, 7:00-7:30 p.m. or
- Sun., June 10, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Both presentations will be held in the church's West Room. Bring your spouse, friends, and your questions!

[See page 4 for details on the trip.]



# The Pulse

# From Your Pastor

# What's next for our Vitality & Renewal Team? What's next for our church?

B ack in January the Session approved, and the congregation commissioned, six members of RRPC to serve on what we are calling our Vitality & Renewal Team. The "V&R Team" was challenged with working with a consultant engaged by our presbytery in order to guide our church in a process that we didn't know how to do. (More on that in a moment.)

What happened to prompt the Session to call for the formation of a V&R Team? There was no specific incident. Rather, the Session and I had, well, I'll call it a sense... a hunch... a feeling. That feeling was hard to describe. In some vague, general way we began to understand that while our church does the things it does pretty well, maybe what we're putting our energy and resources into isn't what God has in mind for us anymore. In other words, is our church still operating as though the world we live in is guided by the norms and expectations of the 1990s? Or the 1970s? Maybe even the 1950s? Does God have something new in mind for Rocky River Presbyterian Church beyond "doing church" the way we've "done church" for the past 60 years? If so, how do we get a handle on what that is, and then how do we pursue it so that we're relevant to the society we exist within, and so we're true to the gospel of God's abundant, saving love made known to us in Jesus?

Such questions captured the general sense that the Session recognized through the second half of 2017. That's when our presbytery began providing resources and experiences to help its congregations begin to discern what the future might hold for local churches.

So we formed a team to guide our church in this process. I speak for the six members of the V&R Team (Jo Naretto, Matt Pedone, Susan Flynn, Kalen Hustek, Sally Schriner, and chair Dave Hensel) when I say that we didn't know what we would need to do, or how we would go about doing it, or what the outcome might be. Taking on an assignment like that, my friends, is truly a leap of faith.

But the V&R Team's "leap of faith" mirrors the leap of faith that our congregation will face at some point in this process:

• Will we trust God enough to do some things we've not done before?

 Will our commitment to serve God in our world give us the strength to change or possibly even end some things that we've done for a very, very long time?

Don't panic. I don't know what innovations or changes we might face in the future. Neither does the V&R Team. That's because you—the congregation—haven't been brought to the point that you're able to determine that yet.

Your first encounter with our V&R Team probably occurred during worship on Sunday, March 18. That's when you obediently (and courageously!) agreed to be divided into small groups for some guided conversation. You shared your responses to some questions. You were thoughtful. Generous. Passionate. Scribes took note of general themes that emerged. You might not have noticed that I left the sanctuary during the conversations so no one would feel any pressure by my presence, but when I returned I could sense the vibrant and hopeful energy that filled the space.

Since that event, the V&R Team has followed up by meeting with different constituencies throughout the church: committees and boards, women's and men's groups, classes, Bible studies, staff members, choirs. They've continued to gather feedback to the foundational questions that were asked during the conversations on March 18.

So... you may be wondering why you haven't been besieged by information from the V&R Team. You may be wondering "what they figured out." You may be waiting for them to "tell you what to do."

But as the V&R Team has been learning through its work with the Chicago-based consultant who is working with about a dozen Presbyterian congregations in northeast Ohio, it's not the V&R Team's job to tell you what to do. Nor is it the V&R Team's task to take specific suggestions and enact them in order to "tweak" what we're doing in order to make us better.

Quite frankly, the V&R Team's task is one that they (we) don't know how to do. But our consultant, "Ray," has a career's worth of experience working with congregations large and small, urban and rural and suburban. Ray is coaching and directing and guiding the V&R Team. One of the first big lessons he's helped the team to learn is that we need to look less at what we're supposed to <u>do</u> as a church and consider more what it is that God wants us to <u>be</u>.

"Wait!" you say. "Being a church is less about 'doing" and more about 'being'? What does that mean?"

It's the difference between a congrega-

tion being operationally-focused and being spiritually-focused. If we're operationally-focused we're intent on doing things the "right" way, , on being efficient, on doing things well. But perhaps some of the things we've always done or the way we've always done them isn't serving the purpose God has in mind for our church now. [As one small example, twenty years ago could you even conceive that you would be reading a church newsletter on a computer? Three years from now will churches even use "newsletters" to communicate information?]

But if we're spiritually-focused, we're intentional in striving to discern the kind of faith community God needs from us in Rocky River in the 2020s. "What we should <u>do</u>" will follow from "What does God want us to <u>be</u>."

In Isaiah 43:19 God announces, "Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness." Scripture frequently tells us that our ancestors in faith the Jewish people had to perceive that God had something else, something different, something new in view for them. So the opportunity for vitality and renewal is not something that has arisen just in the twenty-first century.

Like I said earlier, even the talented and committed people on our Vitality & Renewal Team aren't sure how our congregation will discern this.

But just recently our consultant Ray guided the V&R Team on a new way to study and use the voluminous and helpful input you gave on March 18 and afterward. The V&R Team isn't going to distill it into a game plan and tell you, "Here, these are the easy steps you need to do." Rather, they will consider it prayerfully, thoughtfully, thoroughly, and then come back to you for your reaction and response.

There is no such thing as "Vitality & Renewal for Dummies." This is no simple, easy process. In fact, like a motorist setting out on a foggy morning, in this new-to-us process sometimes the V&R Team finds it hard to know where they are and where they're headed.

But having sat with them many times as they've discussed and shared and prayed and socialized and analyzed, I know this: like me—and like you—the members of our Vitality & Renewal Team are grateful for our church and hopeful for the future that we will seek to discern... together.

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# June / July Birthdays

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June 1	Dianne Russell Heidi Fredrickson	July 1	Nancy Clash Anne Busher
June 4	Jim Doan		Bob Beer
	Jill Myers		Kim Matile
June 5	Matt Pedone	July 2	Claudia Roche
June 6	Tom Behar	July 2	
June 7	Crystal Duffield	T. 1 4	Liam Fritz
June /	Bill Bishop	July 4	Kathy McKenzie
	Amanda Heierding	July 5	Ramsey Arnold
June 8	Pat Kaye		Trevor Prudhoe
June 6	Dan Poole	T 1 6	Spencer Williams
June 10	Bill Nelson	July 6	Addison Mach
June 11	George Gecik	July 9	Sam Kirksey
June 12	Bill Knoble	July 10	Thom Dillon
Julie 12	Theresa Weedon		Nigel Mach
		July 11	Bill Kirksey
	Molly Ward	July 12	Glen Loeffler
	Dave Carney		Bryan Watts
т 12	Charlotte Roche	July 13	Adrina Niederst
June 13	Konrad Katterle		Paula Clark
T 16	Sammy Bohannon	July 14	Carolyn Watilo
June 16	Trace Kirchner		MaryCait Russell
June 19	Carol Lewellen		Evan McGorray
	Emmaline Purohit		AJ Stavole
June 20	Jeff Stohr	July 15	Joel (JJ) Solak
June 21	Jon Fancher	July 16	Denise Fresenko
June 22	Chuck Erml		Shea O'Flaherty
June 23	Josephine Naretto	July 18	Ken Krivok
June 25	Austin Guetling	-	Lisa Watts
June 26	Terri Yeckel		Matthew Miller
June 27	Jacob Wilson		Mia Carney
June 28	Mindy Harrison	July 20	Owen Nowlin
	Matt DeWerth	July 21	Deborah Kennedy
June 30	Annette Oberst	July 23	Helen Sakai
		July 25	Joe Lavelle
		July 27	Oliver Pedone
		July 29	Michelle Fritz

\*\*If your birthday is missing from our birthday list, please contact Office Administrator Crystal Duffield at: <a href="mailto:info@riverpres.org">info@riverpres.org</a> or (440) 333-4888.

July 30

Diane Beer Elizabeth Harrison

# Sanctuary Flowers

Do you have a loved one you would like to honor for a birthday or anniversary. Would you like to memorialize that special person who has passed away? By signing up for a Sunday to provide our sanctuary with flowers you can do this. The cost is only §30.00 and you may take the flowers with you after our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Your "in honor of" or "in memory" attribution will be listed in our bulletin announcements as well as on the card with the flowers. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the Parlor. Please contact Crystal in the church office if you have any questions. 440-333-4888



I would like to thank everyone for the many cards and your prayers while I was recuperating from my surgery. It meant a lot!

Thank you again,

Thank you again Crystal Duffield

Thank you to the <u>30</u> members of the congregation who volunteered to cover the church office while Crystal Duffield, our Office Administrator, recovered from surgery. You ably handled the



phone, the door, and other duties as required. I am sure that Crystal recovered quickly because she knew that the office was staffed (or worried that we made a mess of it).

> —Karol Hoeffler, Chair Session's Human Resources Committee

RRPC's minor league baseball summer outing to...

# Lake Erie Crushers vs. the Joliet Slammers

Sprenger Stadium (Rte. 611 at I-90 in Avon)



- ⇒ All welcome—members, family, neighbors, coworkers, friends
- ⇒ Tickets: \$9 cash or check (checks payable to deacon "Bob Murphy")
- ⇒ Tix on sale at church July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5
- ⇒ Parking \$4/vehicle
- ⇒ Questions? Contact Bob Murphy at (440) 781-1231 or <a href="mailto:rmurphy5@oh.rr.com">rmurphy5@oh.rr.com</a>.

—Deacons' Fellowship Committee

# Overcoming obstacles to touring the Holy Land! "I'd tour the Holy Land...but what to do with my kids? My parents?"

You've heard that our pastor will lead another tour of the Holy Land. You're intrigued.

But you wonder, "What do I do with my kids?"

Jon and his wife faced that very issue in 1996. They found that while it would overwhelm a friend or relative to take all three of their children for 10 days, three different families each were happy to take 1 boy during the trip. Adding one child wasn't much more work for those families, and the Fancher boys each

found their temporary "new family" to be an exciting adventure.

Of course, you might consider bringing your child with you!

What about an aging parent? Similarly, you probably can find a trusted friend or relative who will assume your



caregiving duties for this brief period.

Don't you imagine God wants to help you remove obstacles that might prevent you from experiencing this once-in-a-lifetime journey to the Land of the Bible?

A Holy Land trip is enjoyable, safe, educational and spiritually stimulating. This will be Jon's sixth trip to the Holy Land, so he speaks from experience!

Itinerary and pricing details of this 10-day tour (Feb. 18-27, 2019) are available in a <u>free, detailed color brochure</u>:

- Get one at church or by calling the church office
- **⊃** To see an "online brochure" without obligation <u>or</u> to register for the trip, go to www.eo.travelwithus.com
- Under the "Find a Trip" tab you can select "Know Your Trip Information?" and then enter this information:

Tour: HL19Date: 021819

• Code: J

• Tour Host ID#: 17718

What's more, you earn a discount the sooner you register!

Visiting the land of the Bible is *so* enjoyable and inspiring—think of relatives, neighbors and friends anywhere in the U.S. who might want to join you on our Holy Land 2019 tour!

# Mon., July 2, 6 p.m.

# What do you know about Central America? Learn more at dinner/talk with PC(USA) missionary

As a member of RRPC you're invited to join other Presbyterians at a dinner and mission overview with the Rev. Leslie Vogel, a long-time Presbyterian missionary in Central America. This event is being held at John Knox Presbyterian Church (Lorain Rd. at Great Northern Blvd. in North Olmsted) on Monday, July 2 with a light supper at 6 p.m. followed by Rev. Vogel describing the situation Presbyterians encounter in Central America today. Details will be provided by email blast later in June.

The Rev. Leslie Vogel served as a mission co-worker ("missionary") for 8 years in El Salvador. Now she will function as our denomination's regional liaison for Guatemala and Mexico, based out of Guatemala.

She will be in the U.S. this summer to serve as a "Missionary Advisory Delegate" at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s General Assembly in St. Louis this June. Her visit to our presbytery will be one of a series of speaking stops across the country.

Rev. Vogel's love of Central America goes back to her days as a sociology student at Whitworth University. While there she participated in an extended study and service experience in Central America which, she says, changed her life permanently.

—Rudy Gulstrand, Chair Session's Mission Committee



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# Semi-Circle

Semi-Circle will meet on **Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** at the Metro Park Restaurant - Nelly Belly. We will be meeting here for our meetings for the summer. If you have questions you may contact Carolyn Watilo 440-799-4779 or Nancy McGillicuddy 440-724-1738. Newcomers are always welcome!

# Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will meet on **Thursday, May 21**<sup>st</sup> in June and on Thursday, **July 19**<sup>th</sup> the West Room. All are welcome! If you have any questions you may contact Gretchen Koch or Sara Gresh.

# Expressions of Faith

Our group will meet **Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>** and **July 9<sup>th</sup>** and **July 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 9:30 a.m. in Room D-3,4. We welcome anyone who knits or just enjoys a cup of coffee with friends. For more information contact Mary Murphy (440-785-8614).

# **Koinonia**

Join us for our summer schedule for prayer. Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor for prayer. We will not meet the week of VBS (June 13<sup>th</sup>). Our prayer time is personal and confidential within the group, with no obligation to pray aloud. Questions may be directed to Jane Doughman, Nancy Clash, Jo Naretto, Elizabeth Richmond, or Carolyn Watilo.

# Women of Grace

Are you looking for a chance to get together with other women for Bible study, fellowship, and mission? Then please join us, we will meet on **Tuesday, June 26th** at 6:30 p.m. in room D–3,4. If you have any questions you may contact Lisa Watts.



# You don't have to be in VBS to make a gift! VBS mission project is based right here in Rocky River

This year, our Vacation Bible School will be supporting "River Sprouts," a unique mission that was started four years ago by a 4<sup>th</sup> grader and her friends right here in Rocky River. The dream of these elementary school children was to have a greenhouse where fresh vegetables could be grown and distributed year-round by local food pantries.

The vision of these now middle-school-aged girls resulted in a non-profit corporation. The Session approved River Sprouts as the recipient of this year's VBS offerings. Our donations will help build and support a community garden and greenhouse.

During VBS Week we will be collecting daily offering from

the VBS children, but anyone can donate! If you'd like to make a special gift to support this worthwhile mission, cash or checks (payable to "RRPC") can be given to Lisa Watts any time before June 30<sup>th</sup>.



For more information, you can check out their website at <a href="https://www.riversprouts.com">www.riversprouts.com</a>.

# RRPPreschool news

# Registration still being accepted for the 2018-2019 school year

Registration for our Rocky River Presbyterian Preschool is now open to the general public. Any child, ages 2½ through pre-kindergarten, may be enrolled in one of the half-day programs at RRPPreschool.

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# LIBRARY LINGO





# JUNE/ JULY 2018

Mary Schulz, Librarian

## **DISPLAYS**:

Father's Day books for children New books for adults and children



## JUNE USED BOOK SALE!

This month the books which have been cancelled (or never used donations) from the church library will be available to purchase (for a donation, actually). They will be displayed outside the library with a donation box. It's a great opportunity to pick up some summer reading material!

# NEW ITEMS FOR CHILDREN:

# Picture Book Fiction:

When God Made You

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God thinks about you. He was thinking about you long before your debut. Children look to discover how their personalities, traits, and talents fit in. The assurance that they are deeply loved and a unique creation in our big universe will encourage them to spread their wings and fly (illustrated by one of my favorite children's book illustrators, David Catrow, an Ohio native who has worked as a freelance artist for the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Akron Beacon-Journal).

# Young Elementary Nonfiction Books (yellow dot)

Who Counts?: 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons

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This is a creative retelling of three of Jesus' most popular parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. As young readers count to help the characters find what's missing, Who Counts? teaches that every one of us counts, and that everyone should feel counted.

# Elementary Nonfiction books:

## Tomie dePaola's Book of Bible Stories

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Celebrating its 20th anniversary, this stunningly illustrated collection of Bible stories has become a classic. Tomie dePaola lovingly brings to life some of the most memorable and significant people in the Old and New Testaments, using selections from the New International Version of the Bible, a contemporary translation.

#### Anne Frank and the Remembering Tree

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This is a story of Anne Frank and her sister Margot, who loved a tree, and the tree which promised never to forget them.

# Who Was Harriet Tubman?

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Our 5<sup>th</sup> addition to the library from the "Who Was…" biography series, it tells of Harriet Tubman- a former slave who risked her life to help other slaves escape to freedom, a nurse who saved soldiers' lives during the Civil War, and a Civil War spy who helped the Union Army.

# Learning Bible Stories Is Fun with Arch Books Series: (13 paperback books)

- What's for Lunch?	j225 BAD	- Stephen Stands Strong	j226.6 ZIM
- The Seeds that Grew and Grew	j226.2 BUR	- The Prodigal Son	j226.8 KEA
- Jesus Walks on the Water	j226.2 SAN	- The Very First Lord's Supper	j232.9 BAL
- Jesus Returns to Heaven	j226.4 BAD	- <u>Twelve Who Followed Jesus</u>	j232.9 FLE
- Thomas the Doubting Disciple	j226.5 BAD	- <u>Jesus Enters Jerusalem</u>	j232.9 FRY
- Bright Light Saul's Sight	j226.5 ZIM	- The Story of Jesus' Baptism and Temptation	j232.92 DAV
<ul> <li>Shipwrecked Paul</li> </ul>	j226.6 MIL		

#### HAPPY READING AND VIEWING!!

(All descriptions have been taken from book jacket, title page verso, or review article)

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# **Healthy Happenings**

# ... Notes from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends and Family,

PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) is a mental health problem that some people develop after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event, like combat, a natural disaster, a car accident, or sexual assault. It's normal to have upsetting memories, feel "on edge," or have trouble sleeping after this type of event. At first, it may be hard to do normal daily activities like going to work or school or spending time with people you care about. But most people start to feel better after a few weeks or months. If it's been longer than a few months and you're still having symptoms, you may have PTSD. For some people, PTSD symptoms may start later on, or they may come and go over time.

PTSD can happen to anyone. It is not a sign of weakness. A number of factors can increase the chance that someone will have PTSD, many of which are not under that person's control. For example, having a very intense or long-lasting traumatic event or getting injured during the event can make it more likely that a person will develop PTSD. PTSD is also more common after certain types of trauma, like combat and sexual assault. Personal factors, like previous traumatic exposure, age, and gender, can affect whether or not a person will develop PTSD. What happens after the traumatic event is also important. Stress can make PTSD more likely, while social support can make it less likely. PTSD symptoms usually start soon after the traumatic event, but they may not appear until months or years later. They also may come and go over many years. If the symptoms last longer than four weeks, cause you great distress, or interfere with your work or home life, you might have PTSD.

There are four types of PTSD symptoms but they may not be exactly the same for everyone.

- ⇒ Reliving the event or re-experiencing symptoms. You may have bad memories or nightmares. You even may feel like you're going through the event again. This is called a flashback.
- Avoiding situations which remind you of the event. You may try to avoid situations or people that trigger memories of the traumatic event. You may even avoid talking or thinking about the event.
- ⇒ <u>Having negative beliefs and feelings</u>. The way you think about yourself and others may change because of the trauma. You may feel guilt or shame. Or, you may not be interested in activities you used to enjoy. You may feel that the world is dangerous and you can't trust anyone. You might be numb, or find it hard to feel happy.
- ⇒ Feeling hyped up. You may be jittery, or always alert and on the lookout for danger. Or, you may have trouble concentrating or sleeping. You might suddenly get angry or irritable, startle easily, or act in unhealthy ways (like smoking, using drugs and alcohol, or driving recklessly.

Children can have PTSD too. They may have symptoms described above or other symptoms depending on how old they are. As children get older, their symptoms are more like those of adults. Here are some examples of PTSD symptoms in children:

- ⇒ Children under 6 may get upset if their parents are not close by, have trouble sleeping, or act out the trauma through play.
- ⇒ Children age 7 to 11 may also act out the trauma through play, drawings, or stories. Some have nightmares or become more irritable or aggressive. They may also want to avoid school or have trouble with schoolwork or friends.
- ⇒ Children age 12 to 18 have symptoms more similar to those of adults: depression, anxiety, withdrawal, or reckless behavior like substance abuse or running away.

People with PTSD may also have other problems. These include: feelings of hopelessness, shame, despair, depression or anxiety; drinking or drug problems; physical symptoms or chronic pain; relationship problems, including divorce and employment problems. In many cases, treatments for PTSD will also help these other problems, because they are often related. The coping skills you learn in treatment can work for PTSD and these related problems. There are many different treatment options for PTSD. For many people, these treatments can get rid of symptoms altogether. Others find they have fewer symptoms or feel that their symptoms are less intense. Your symptoms don't have to interfere with your everyday activities, work, and relationships.

There are two main types of treatment. Counseling ("psychotherapy") involves meeting with a therapist. Medication is another therapy. Some programs combine psychotherapy and medication. If you feel that you may be suffering from PTSD, please consult your physician. Don't suffer in silence, there is help available! [Source: Department of Veteran's Affairs]

Catherine A. Patton RN, BSNSource:

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# Include our mission trip in your prayers

# Summer youth mission trip departs early Sunday, June 24

During the week of June 24-30, kids from our church will join a "work camp performing home repairs for senior citizens and impoverished homeowners in Hamilton located in southwestern Ohio.

## Why Hamilton?

Once, the steel mills here drew people from Kentucky, West Virginia, and other states. Many were fleeing the poverty of their home towns and came to chase the American Dream and build a better future for their children. These people worked hard, and for a while prosperity seemed within their grasp. But in the 1970s and 80s, manufacturing declined and the mills shut down. Jobs were lost, homes suffered, and hope for the future died as people came to feel that no one cared.

# What do kids get out of a work camp experience?

The work camp is sponsored by Group Mission Trips, a youth-focused organization with tremendous experience in these activities. "Group" stages well-organized work camps that are open to youth from many Christian denominations from anywhere in the US. Our kids will have a chance to work with and get to know dozens, even hundreds of youth and adults from other areas of the country. Group Mission Trips incorporate daily devotions, worship, reflection and hands-on service to create experiences creates experiences where people encounter Jesus. This year's theme for the work camp program is "Grit: We Do Tough Stuff."

Please offer prayers for safety and a powerful experience of service and community as our pastor, another adult advisor and 5 high schoolers from our church head to southern Ohio on Sun., June 24 for a week of service.

-Christian Education &





# How can you support the kids on the mission trip? Here's how.

RRPC's five high school youth and two adult chaperones will be partnering with hundreds of youth from across the country this month. They're descending on Hamilton, Ohio for the 2018 'Steel City Workcamp," doing home repairs for senior citizens and impoverished residents.

The workcamp organizer, Group Mission Trips, has a **Tool & Supply List** for each church. Here are a few items we don't already have. Can you loan or purchase something on the list? The number following the item is how many we need. (For loans, be sure your item(s) Mission Committees | are clearly marked with your name.) Advise Jon Fancher or Lisa Watts if you'll be providing any of these items; drop them at the church by Tue., June 19.

- $\Rightarrow$  Safety goggles (6)
- $\Rightarrow$  Work gloves (2 pair)
- $\Rightarrow$  Paint scraper (6)
- $\Rightarrow$  Wire brush (6)
- $\Rightarrow$  Gallon-size Ziploc bags (1 box)
- $\Rightarrow$  Large strong black trash bags (1 box)
- ⇒ Variety of inexpensive paint brushes (7 sets)

—Christian Education & Mission Committees

# June 2018

24  8:30 a.m. Early Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship 12:00 p.m. Parking - St. Jude Dream Home Open House tours  25  26  7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg. 9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith 6:30 p.m. Women of Grace Mtg (off-site) 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	Father's Day  Father's Day  7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.  8:30 a.m. Early Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship / VBS Program 11:35 a.m. All Church Picnic 12:00 p.m. Parking - St. Jude Dream Home Open House tours	8:30 a.m. Early Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:40 a.m. Evang. & Membership Mtg. 12:00 p.m. Parking - St. Jude Dream Home Open House tours  VACATION  VACATION  BIBLE  S  11:30 a.m. Semi-Circle Mtg.  (off-site)  6:30 p.m. Deacons Mtg.	11 12	Food Sunday  Food Sunday  8:30 a.m. Early Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:40 a.m. Mission Committee Mtg. 12:00 p.m. Parking - St. Jude Dream Home Open House tours  4 6:00 p.m. CE Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. CE Committee Mtg. 10:00 p.m. CE Committee Mtg. 11:00 a.m. VBS T-shirt sorting 11:00 p.m. VBS Volunteer Mtg. 7:00 p.m. VBS Volunteer Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.		Sun Mon Tue	
27 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Group Mtg.	20 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Group Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.	SCHOOL JUNE	13	6 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Group Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg. (off-site Pearl of the Orient) 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.		Wed	
28 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.	21 8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 11:30 a.m. Greek Festival Staff Luncheon 7:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle	11-15 9:00 - FLAGDAY 14 th OTIONE	14	7 8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast		Thu	
29 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)	22 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)	11:30 a.m. 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)	15	8 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)	I 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)	Fri	
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# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
I Communion/Food Sunday 8:30 a.m. Early Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship	2 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.	3 11:00 p.m. RRPC Staff Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	4 Independence Day (church office closed)	5 7:00 p.m. AA Back to Basics	6 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)	7 7:00 p.m. AA Altered Attitudes
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